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SUBJECT: JOLLES PROPOSAL FOR RESTRICTED MEETING IN LATE FEBRUARY

REF: OECD PARIS 2404

1. AMBASSADOR JOLLES, CHAIRMAN OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION (XCSS), ASKED EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR JANUARY 29 CONVEY FOLLOWING TO UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON TO FOLLOWUP JOLLES' DISCUSSIONS WITH ROBINSON AND ENDERS DURING HIS RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT.

2. JOLLES WOULD LIKE INVITE SELECTED SMALL GROUP OF SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS TO ATTEND INFORMAL AFTER-NOON DISCUSSION FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT SWISS OECD MISSION. GROUP WOULD BE SIMILAR IN COMPOSITION TO USUAL INFORMAL DINNER MEETING HELD PRIOR EACH XCSS SESSION AND WOULD INCLUDE ABOUT 12 PERSONS, INCLUDING TWO FROM WASHINGTON. JOLLES HAS TWO TOPICS IN MIND: A) PREPARATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF OECD TRADE PLEDGE; AND B) VERY INFORMAL AND CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS RE "INVESTMENT POLICY VIS-A-VIS NEW INVESTMENT FLOWS." (JOLLES DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE BUT CLEARLY HE HAS IN MIND INVESTMENT BY OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING QUESTIONS SET FORTH REFTEL.)

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3. JOLLES THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT DISCUSSION TAKE PLACE

PRIOR END OF FEBRUARY SINCE IN HIS MIND THERE IS CLOSE LINKAGE BETWEEN OECD SOLIDARITY FUND AND TRADE PLEDGE, I.E., THE SAFETY NET SHOULD ESTABLISH THE CONDITIONS THAT WILL ALLOW THE PLEDGE TO STICK. THUS PREPARATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF PLEDGE AND FINAL WORK ON SOLIDARITY FUND SHOULD OCCUR AT APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME.

4. JOLLES HAS DISCUSSED POSSIBLE DATES WITH VAN LENNEP AND SUGGESTS FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES IN FOLLOWING ORDER OF PREFERENCE: A) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24; B) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26; C) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28; D) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 (JOLLES SAID FEBRUARY 20 CLEARLY HIS FOURTH CHOICE; HE AND VAN LENNEP ARE FREE BUT AMBASSADOR LANGUETIN, DEPUTY TO JOLLES, WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE).

5. JOLLES WOULD LIKE TO HAVE USG REACTION TO ABOVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING CONFIRMATION THAT UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON AND/OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE USG REP COULD TAKE PART. WHEN JOLLES HEARS FROM USG, VAN LENNEP WILL THEN CANVASS OTHER INVITEES TO CONFIRM THAT THEY ALSO AGREEABLE PARTICIPATE AND ARE FREE ON DATE INDICATED.
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